

Savannah District

Relevant, Ready, Responsive and Reliable

During the past year, the US Army Corps of Engineers-Savannah District, answered the call to duty in support of the Armed Forces and our nation here in Savannah and around the world. As an integral part of the Army and joint team, Savannah District had “boots on the ground” in 24 countries and applied a wide array of expertise to deliver innovative and creative solutions to the nation’s engineering challenges.

Our operational tempo increased during 2006, which was reflected in a significantly increased budget of almost \$2 billion, executed by a team of more than 950 professionals. This budget will continue to grow to \$4 billion over the next four years as we execute the largest Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) in history. Our most visible missions continue to be military design and construction, integrated water resources management, real estate actions, sustainable environmental operations, and reimbursable support to other agencies.

Although our budget and workload has increased substantially, we continue to accomplish our many responsibilities with very little increase in our workforce, thanks in part to contractor and private industry support, and a heavy reliance on members from other Districts who are part of the regionalized team.

Our collective efforts contribute greatly to our nation’s security, economic prosperity and environmental quality. The dedication and selfless public service of the District team members has allowed us to make a difference in the lives of our Soldiers and their

families, hurricane victims along the Gulf Coast, as well as the people of Iraq and Afghanistan, and countless others. Since the Global War on Terrorism began, more than 150 of our team members have voluntarily deployed in harm’s way – some serving second and even third tours.

In addition, after the hurricanes struck the Gulf Coast in 2004 and 2005, more than 450 Savannah District team members supported response and recovery efforts in many of those devastated areas.

The commitment of our current and formerly deployed team members from throughout the entire Corps of Engineers, is our organization’s greatest strength. In Iraq, the quality of life continues to improve through the delivery of infrastructure projects such as schools, hospitals, bridges, police stations, sewer and water treatment systems and electrical distribution. As of May 2006, approximately 2,600 out of the 3,700 planned projects were completed.

The work is accomplished with a small force of 550 USACE employees in the Gulf Region Division, with the help of more than 170,000 Iraqi citizens. This small footprint is possible due to our

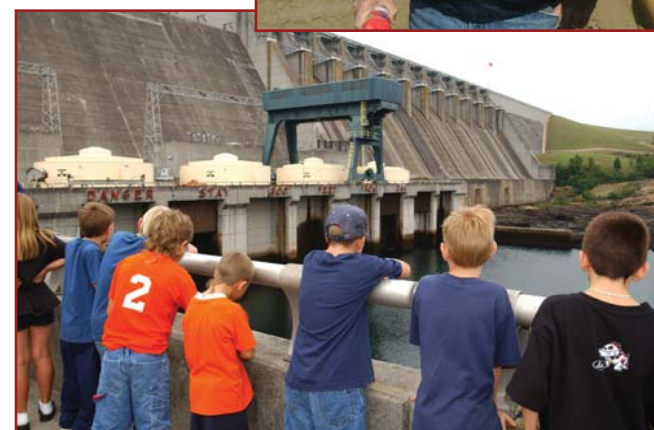
technological reach-back capability, which allows our employees to obtain expert assistance back in the United States, in our districts, labs, divisions and research centers.

In Afghanistan, more than \$1 billion worth of projects are underway to support the country’s security efforts. The largest program is to provide facilities and infrastructure to support the bed-down and training of the Afghan National Army. Construction of major garrison facilities in Kabul is nearing completion, and construction is underway on seven regional brigade sites. The barracks, dining facilities, firing ranges and utilities cover about 1,600 acres and will support more than 35,000 active duty Afghan troops.

At home, our District’s hurricane response and recovery efforts remain a priority. Although, we were spared a major catastrophic storm event in the 2006 hurricane season, there is still much work to be done in the Gulf Coast that needs our volunteer-spirit.

With a percentage of our workforce deployed at any one time in fiscal year 2006, this District still managed to execute its mission in all areas. In addition, two of our lake projects hold the distinction of the number one, Hartwell Lake, and number three, Thurmond Lake, most-visited Corps lakes in

the nation with more than 25 million visitors. Our environmental and real estate programs closed the fiscal year with 100 percent mis-



sion execution, and the civil works program achieved 100 percent execution of its stated goals; for all, a multi-year accomplishment. At 97 percent execution, our Military Program mission was one of the largest in the Corps of Engineers at almost \$600 million. And, as we ramp up for an astounding \$1.2 billion workload for FY07, the team members of the Savannah District will yet again rise to the challenge.

Although contingency efforts have taken much of our time and resources, the District is responding to other important missions, including the Army’s goal of accelerating the momentum of

transformation. As the military design and construction and real estate managers for the Army and Air Force, Savannah District is supporting the military construction requirements created by the global repositioning of forces, transformation of Army units and Base Realignment and Closure. We are working closely with the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff of the Army for Installation Management and the Installation Management

Agency to implement a strategy called military construction transformation. Elements include greater master planning, standardizing processes and facilities, applying industry standards and best practices and strengthening partnerships with our customers and with industry, especially small business.

The result will be quality facilities, built in less time and at a lower cost to benefit Soldiers and their families - facilities that are sustainable, adaptable for future uses with lower life-cycle operations and maintenance costs.

The Savannah District team looks forward to supporting our Nation and Army over the next year with the best engineering and science available. With the depth and breadth of our capabilities and public service ethic, we live our vision of serving as one team: relevant, ready, responsive and reliable.